

Town of Brighton Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan

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D. Planning Committee Roster

INTRODUCTION

Before the introduction of the Disaster Mitigation Act 2000, mitigation planning was primarily a State function. States were required to have a statewide hazard mitigation plan that was updated after every disaster. The act passed this burden to municipalities.

This plan is designed to establish a viable direction for the mitigation of natural and technological disasters within the Town of Brighton. This plan is intended to complement Monroe County's Plan, and will incorporate sections of the County Plan by reference.

AUTHORITY

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Act 42 USC 5133 by adding a new section, 322 – Mitigation Planning. Section 322 establishes a new requirement for local mitigation plans. The Act provides a framework for linking pre-and post-disaster mitigation planning and initiatives with public and private interests to ensure an integrated, comprehensive approach to disaster loss reduction. It requires all local governments to have an approved All-Hazard Mitigation Plan in place by November 1, 2004 to be eligible to receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project funding.

MISSION

Brighton's Plan is a "multi-jurisdictional plan." It is a combined planning effort of the Town, the Brighton Fire District, the West Brighton Fire Protection District, the Brighton Ambulance District and the Brighton Central School District. The Town's Public Safety Committee has guided the development of the Plan. The planning process has included opportunities for the public to view and comment on the plan during its formation. The planning process has included opportunities for other school districts to participate, but they have not seen fit to join us.

SITUATION

- A. Brighton respects the jurisdictional autonomy of the participants in this multi-jurisdictional planning process.
- B. The County (through the Office of Emergency Preparedness) will submit its Plan, and the Participating municipal Plans, as a "DRAFT" to the State by August 31, 2003, for their submission to FEMA for final approval.
- C. When FEMA has approved the Plans, the Public Safety Committee will submit its plan to the Town Board for adoption.
- D. With FEMA approval, local and legislative adoption, all municipal participants will be eligible for Federal Mitigation funding authorized by the Act.

ORGANIZATION

- A. Planning Committee. The Planning Committee roster includes representatives from the participating local governments. The Committee Roster is attached as Appendix D.
- B. Risk Assessment. The mitigation plan includes a local risk assessment that provides the factual basis for activities proposed in the strategy to reduce losses from identified hazards. The risk assessment provides a structured approach to identifying hazards. The Town's Plan incorporates, by reference, the risk assessments prepared by the County as a part of its plan. In some cases, it was appropriate to supplement those assessments with information specific to Brighton. This supplemental information for specific hazards is addressed in Appendix B.
- C. Mitigation Strategy
 - 1. Goals and Objectives: Goals are broad or general statements (that cannot be quantified) indicating potential accomplishments, objectives are measurable. Goals are to:
 - a. Reduce vulnerability to life-safety threats. Objectives include: increase public awareness by identifying ways to increase public knowledge of threats and preparedness measures; enhance and expand Public Alerting and notification means.
 - b. Reduce property and economic losses. Objectives include: increase public awareness; enhance and expand Public Alerting and notification means; identify appropriate insurance for vulnerabilities; identify protective measures.
 - c. Keep emergency plans current. Objectives include: review plans for accuracy, maintain database of resources and contacts; satisfy regulatory requirements.
 - d. Be ready to effect an appropriate and safe response. Objectives include: provide state-of-the-art training programs and equipment for Public Safety and Public Works providers; identify voids in infrastructure; coordinate resources for effective and efficient response.
 - e. Expedite the recovery process. Objectives include: identify and deploy assistive resources; ensure accurate and timely communication with the public; promote neighbor helping neighbor concept.
 - f. Strive to be "the best we can be." Objectives include: seek professional accreditations; continue personal and professional development opportunities; seek additional community partnerships; inform municipal officials about activities and elicit their support; seek funding sources to assist program goals and objectives.
 - 2. Mitigation Measures: The planning committee has reviewed the various types of projects that could be employed to solve the identified problems, i.e. reduce the risks from the identified hazards. Mitigation Measures may include actions in the areas of:
 - a. "Prevention.

- b. "Property Protection.
- c. "Public Education and Awareness.
- d. "Natural Resource Protection.
- e. "Emergency Services.
- f. "Structural Projects.

D. Action Plan. The Action Plan identifies feasible and cost-effective mitigation measures that should be implemented to eliminate or reduce the identified risks. A lead agency, or a responsible individual, is required to guide the implementation of each identified mitigation measure. Action Plans specific to a hazard (identified in Appendix B) are addressed in Appendix C. The priorities of the Town are also identified.

IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING & EVALUATION

A. Review & Approval

The Planning Committee reviewed and approved this draft at their meeting of 8/12/03. The Town Board will act upon the plan upon receipt of F.E.M.A. approval.

B. Evaluation

1. The County's plan will be reviewed upon its adoption. The Town's plan may be revised light of that review.
2. The Public Safety Committee will review this plan bi-annually.

REFERENCES

Town of Brighton Emergency Plan, as updated

Monroe County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (draft, dated 8/7/03)

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Hazard Analysis Worksheet
(See Monroe County Plan)

APPENDIX B

Hazard-Specific Analyses
(See Monroe County Plan for general analyses)

APPENDIX C

Hazard-Specific Action Plans

APPENDIX D

Planning Committee Roster

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